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Dear Mr. Berkowitz:

My apologies for the delay in responding to your letter, which I saw only yesterday after returning to Washington after a month's absence. I tried unsuccessfully to reach you by phone today, hence decided to write.

In any case, I will be happy to talk to you should you be in town, although I am uncertain how much I can contribute on a subject of such complexity. You can reach me at home on [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Richard Layman

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Dear Mr. Layman:

I am writing you to ask if you might be willing to let me interview you for about an hour next month. I am a professor in political science and I am writing a book about the problems that can confound intelligence forecasting when agencies within the intelligence community coordinate their predictions. I am trying to learn about the subject by interviewing about two dozen people who have taken part in the coordination process. One of the specific forecasts in which I am interested is the U.S. intelligence community's estimate of Soviet strategic missile forces during the 1960s and 1970s. During my earlier work on this project, I interviewed Howard Stoertz, and he suggested that you would be an especially well-informed expert on this subject.

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Of course, I would be willing to be flexible in arranging the specific time for this interview. Also, I want to assure you that I have no particular ideological axe to grind in this project and, if you wish, I would be more than happy to give you complete anonymity for your participation.

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I look forward to hearing from you soon; please be sure to call me (collect) at the telephone number given above if you would like to speak with me or ask me any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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